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SUBJ: CIVAIR: THAI ACQUISITION OF DC-10'S

RANKING OFFICIALS OF THAI INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS AND AIR SIAM
HAVE CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY PRESS REPORTS OF PLANS TO ACQUIRE DC-
10'S FOR INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS IN THE TIME FRAME NOV 1974-JULY
1975.

A. THAI INTERNATIONAL. NEGOTIATIONS ARE CONTINUING AS TO
RELATIVE MERITS OF PURCHASE OR DRY-LEASE OF TWO DC-10'S.
FIRST WILL BE DEPLOYED ON ROUTE TO EUROPE IN APRIL 1975,
SECOND ON ROUTE TO AUSTRALIA IN JULY. BOTH WILL BE CON-
FIGURED TO CARRY 270 PASSENGERS (24 FIRST, 246 ECONOMY).

B. AIR SIAM. OFFICIAL CONFIRMED ONLY INTENT TO "UTILIZE"
DC-10 FOR TWICE WEEKLY SERVICE LOS ANGELES-BANGKOK VIA
HONG KONG-TOKYO AND HONOLULU. SERVICE, WHICH WILL BE IN
ADDITION TO THRICE WEEKLY 747 SERVICE BANGKOK-HONOLULU,
WILL BE INAUGURATED AT LOS ANGELES NOV 23, 1974, WITH
AIRCRAFT CONFIGURED TO CARRY ABOUT 320 PASSENGERS. MAJOR
PROBLEM, ACCORDING AIRLINE OFFICIAL, IS ANTICIPATED
DIFFICULTY IN SECURING ADDITIONAL SLOT TIMES AT CON-
GESTED TOKYO AIRFIELD IN ORDER INITIATE NEW SERVICE.
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